



Supreme Court of Illinois

May 6, 2024

JUSTICE DAVID OVERSTREET TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN MT. VERNON

Justice David K. Overstreet of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 19 new lawyers on Wednesday, May 8, in the Fifth Judicial District.

The group is among 300 individuals who will be sworn in and admitted to the practice of law in Illinois during bar admission ceremonies held in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The bar admission ceremony in the Fourth Judicial District will begin at 10 a.m. at the Cedarhurst Center for the Arts at 2600 Richview Road in Mt. Vernon.

Justice Overstreet will preside over the ceremony.

Speakers for the bar admission ceremony will be Wesley A. Gozia of the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors and Dennis J. Orsey, attorney and past President of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will include Fifth District Appellate Justice Barry L. Vaughan, Twenty Fourth Judicial Circuit Judge Jeremy R. Walker, Third Judicial Circuit Judge Katherine D. Watson, Twentieth Judicial Circuit Associate Judge Tameeka Purchase, and Fourth Judicial Circuit Associate Judge Ericka Sanders.

Attorney Alan Pirtle, whose son will be taking the attorney's oath during the ceremony, will make the motion to admit the class. Attorney Michael A. Hankins will second the motion.

Justice Overstreet will rule on the motion, administer the attorney's oath, and make remarks. A reception hosted by the Illinois State Bar Association will follow the ceremony.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and a required ethics examination and were certified by the Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness.

The new attorneys sworn in at the May 8 bar admission ceremonies will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 97,000. In addition to Mt. Vernon, ceremonies will be held Wednesday in Chicago, Elgin, Ottawa, and Springfield.

The Fifth Judicial District is composed of 48 counties: Alexander, Bond, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Macon, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Montgomery, Moultrie, Perry, Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Shelby, St. Clair, Union, Vermilion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson.

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